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our safety is threatened, and for the values and ideals our country represents when our allies and friends ask for help.

All Americans benefit from your service, and we'll always be grateful. Thank you for coming, and God bless.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:47 a.m. at Yeager Field at the West Virginia National

Guard Headquarters. In his remarks, he referred to Maj. Gen. Allen E. Tackett, Adjutant General, West Virginia Army National Guard; Gov. Robert E. Wise of West Virginia; Com. Sgt. Maj. John J. Leonard, Jr., Senior Enlisted Adviser to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs; and M. Sgt. David (Mike) Eshbaugh, 167th Airlift Wing, West Virginia Air National Guard.

Telephone Remarks on Former President Ronald Reagan's 90th Birthday *February 15, 2001*

The President. Mrs. Reagan, hi, how are you today?

Former First Lady Nancy Reagan. [Inaudible]

The President. Good, thank you. Listen, I'm honored. I'm here in the Oval Office—

Mrs. Reagan. [Inaudible]

The President. Well, thank you. And I'm getting ready to sign a birthday card to the President, my first document I'll sign as the President, which is a joint resolution from the Congress—

Mrs. Reagan. Oh, how nice.

The President. —which expresses our deep gratitude and admiration for President Reagan.

Mrs. Reagan. How nice.

The President. We honor him with his greatness and his goodness. And we honor you, as well, for your strength of character and your service.

So I'm getting ready to sign right now—

Mrs. Reagan. Oh, this is very exciting.

The President. Well, thank you, ma'am. It's exciting for me, as well. It's an honor. And I look forward to sending the document and the pen that I use to you.

Mrs. Reagan. Oh, how nice. How nice.

The President. At any rate, it's great to talk to you.

Mrs. Reagan. Well, it's great to talk to you, too. And I can't thank you enough.

The President. Well, thanks a lot.

Mrs. Reagan. It's wonderful. Wait until I tell Ronnie.

The President. Give the President a hug and a kiss.

Mrs. Reagan. I will.

The President. Thanks a lot.

Mrs. Reagan. Thank you.

The President. Bye-bye.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:35 a.m. from the Oval Office at the White House. H.J. Res. 7, approved February 15, was assigned Public Law No. 107-1.

Remarks to State Department Employees *February 15, 2001*

The President. Mr. Secretary, thank you very much. It's an honor to be here with you, and thank you all for that warm welcome.